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REPORT

TOPIC Return to Bernau of the 1st Light Artillery Brigade and Detraining of an 25X1Engineer Unit in FuerstenwaldeEVALUATION INFORMATIC PLACE OBTAINED CD 13 25X1DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OBTAINED 17 November 1954 DATE PREPARED 25X1REFERENCES and detraining of an Engineer Unit in Fuerstenwalde 25X1PAGES 12 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. During the night of 12/13 October 1954, the units stationed in Army Clothing Depot I (4244) in Bernau returned in 2 shipments from the summer camp. Thirty-one 100-mm AT guns, 28 trucks, 3 field kitchens and approximately 550 soldiers were observed.

2. On 19 October, the Army Clothing Depot I was occupied by approximately 1,500 soldiers wearing ~~red bordered~~ black epaulets with ~~artillery and~~ motor transport insignia. A total of 19 x 100-mm AT guns; approximately 10 x 85-mm AT guns and 4 tractors including                      were seen in front of the shed in the south section of the installation. At least 30 trucks were stored in a garage. 25X1

3. At about 1830 on 18 October, approximately 250 soldiers were unloaded at the Bernau railroad station and left for Army Clothing Depot I. Their baggage was taken away on truck                      25X1

4. At about 1400 on 19 October, 12 converted boxcars were occupied by unarmed soldiers in Army Clothing depot I. At about 1330, a train of 40 boxcars occupied by troops was seen at the station. Since a similar but empty train was seen at the Bernau railroad station in the morning of the same day, it is believed that the train was loaded in Army Clothing Depot I. 25X1

5. Between 1600 and 1630 and 1915 and 1930 on 25 October, at least 150 to 180 motor vehicles were being serviced in front of the motor vehicle sheds of Army Clothing Depot I. Another 40 trucks were seen in the eastern section of the installation. The north section of the installation could not be seen. The installation appeared to be occupied to capacity. 25X1

6. On 26 October, the Bernau post was occupied almost to capacity. Army Clothing Depot I was occupied to capacity by approximately 3,000 soldiers wearing artillery insignia. Approximately 20 AT guns, presumably of 100 mm, approximately 20 guns, presumably 85-mm AT guns, 18 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 other guns, approximately 25 tractors and 127 motor vehicles including sedan                      were seen in this installation. Motor vehicle                      observed 25X1

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7. At 1830 on 26 October, approximately 20 x 100-mm AT guns without vehicles, but with escorting detail were detrained at the Bernau railroad station.

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8. At 1000 on 24 October, a shipment of 14 large amphibious cars, 4 tanks trucks, 21 trucks and 4 boxcars with personnel; and another shipment of 6 six-axle special cars with camouflaged superstructure, 8 tanks trucks, 23 trucks and 2 boxcars with personnel were seen at the Fuerstenwalde freight station. The first shipment was unloaded at 1745 on 25 October. The vehicles left toward Gartenstrasse. The second shipment was no longer seen at the freight station at 0900 on 26 October. Empty boxcars and flatcars with sideracks were seen at the loading ramp. The shipment was possibly unloaded during the night of 25 October.

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1. Comment. According to corresponding information by the two sources, elements of the 71st Light Arty Brig returned to their installation. All components of the brigade are believed to have been back at the post since 19 October.

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2. Comment. A personnel assembly point of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army is stationed in the former Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau.

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3. Comment. Elements of the 122d Gds Engr Bn of the 7th Gds Mecz Div probably returned to the post. Since this engineer unit was previously stationed in the Pionier Kaserne (4502) on Gartenstrasse, the direction of departure confirms this assumption. The motor vehicle fail to identify the unit involved.

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